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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A contents distribution system comprising a requesting device for making a request for distribution of ~~the~~ contents, and a providing device for providing the contents in accordance with said request from said requesting device, characterized in that;

said requesting device reads ~~the~~ conditional information from ~~the~~ a_recording medium storing said conditional information for choosing the contents;

said read conditional information is sent directly or indirectly to said providing device; ~~and~~

said providing device chooses and specifies the contents in accordance with said sent conditional information to prepare <u>acquisition information for acquiring said specified</u> contents;~~said requesting device to download the contents~~

<u>said prepared acquisition information is sent directly or indirectly to said requesting device; and</u>

<u>said requesting device stores said sent acquisition information in said recording medium</u>.

2. (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 1, characterized in that if_said_requesting_device_makes a request<u>according to said acquisition information stored in said recording medium</u>, said specified contents are ~~sent~~<u>downloaded</u> from said ~~contents~~ providing device to said requesting device.

Claims 3. - 7. (Cancelled).

8.   (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim ~~17~~ 1, characterized in that said acquisition information is ~~the~~ information containing at least ~~one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the~~ location information indicating ~~the~~ a location at which said specified contents are stored.

9.   (Currently Amended) The contents distribution system according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only ~~the~~ contents different from the previously specified contents.

Claims 10. - 17.   (Cancelled).